

Editorial

I write this month's editorial in the middle of September. The outside temperature is over 20 degrees centigrade or nearly 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

The positive amongst us will say this is good for health (fewer people die in the summer), agriculture (the food we eat) and the economy (lower heating costs etc). Exposure to sunlight improves our vitamin D level with many known benefits. It is thought to protect us against flu, cancer, diabetes and osteoporosis. Don't forget the sun cream though!!

We have enjoyed fine weather for most of our summer activities. Village fetes or fairs, garden parties, summer holidays in Britain. Alas, cricket appears to be the main activity affected, as usual, but in the main, not too badly.

This all puts a smile on our faces and a spring in our steps. Make the most of it. Winter will be here soon enough.

While we have been enjoying this fine weather, let's not forget the death and destruction in the Bahamas. I recently took part in a street collection to provide money for emergency water boxes. These boxes provide essentials for the immediate aftermath and the boxes are then used as water purifying units.

Dare I mention it? Christmas is on its way. As I write this, it is just 97 days away!! At The Treasury we have already ordered most of our Christmas stock and some has been delivered. If we don't order our stock in good time we either can't get what we want or it is in limited supply.

Sadly, we are receiving more reports of petty vandalism around our neighbourhood. We are very quick to blame our young people and no doubt some is justified, although not all. I'm sure that a lot of it starts off as childish pranks, but these things can easily get out of hand.

It is important to make the local police and councillors aware of any such problems so that they can monitor the situation.

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News from All Saints Church, Wrington

Dear friends,

It was fascinating listening to Jeffrey Archer the other day. The well-known author has often written about politics, in the UK and the United States and clearly loves this genre. Yet he was warning all writers not to write any fiction about contemporary politics. Why? Because fiction has to be more interesting and unpredictable than reality. And at the moment it can't.

We live in a time when fact seems stranger than any fiction. And while some may quote the proverb "May you live in interesting times", how many of us accept that as a curse rather than a blessing! Writing in mid-September, with Parliament prorogued for the next month, the one unifying feeling around our country is uncertainty. No-one dare predict what this month may bring! So perhaps it would be good for my column this month to focus on hope.

One of my favourite hymns, written in the 17th century but just as true today, says this :-

All my hope on God is founded
He doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
Only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone,
Calls my heart to be his own.

For me, one of the true joys of being a Christian is the hope that rests in God. From earliest times, people looked to God in this way. In Psalm 23, written thousands of years ago, we hear true confidence in God through the familiar words:

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,^[c]

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—

they comfort me.

I hope the next month won't be our darkest valley – or in fact nowhere near. But I am convinced the next month is entirely unpredictable! So rejoice with me that God is at our side!

Every blessing,

David

News from All Saints Church, Wrington

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

All Saints'

8 September

Poppy McMullen, aged 3 years

Christ Church

15 September **Laurence Neill**, aged 5½ months

Holy Trinity

15 September **Isabella Lang**, aged 8 months

FUNERALS

All Saints'

27 August

Jean Wilson-Burgess, aged 52

28 August

Pat Riches, aged 89

4 September

Michael Vignoles, aged 90

S Bristol Crematorium

12 August

David Baker, aged 86

Weston Crematorium

15 August

Marjorie Phillips, aged 95

20 September

Ken Baxter, aged 91

UPCOMING EVENTS

Trinity	1 October	9am	Burrington School Harvest @ Holy
Saints'	2 October	8.50am	Wrington School Harvest @ All
Michael's	6 October	<u>10am</u>	Animal Thanksgiving @ St
Church –	26 October	9.30am-12.30pm	Churchyard Clear @ Christ <i>everyone welcome!</i>

NEWS FROM ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, BUTCOMBE

We have had lots to celebrate at St Michael's during the last month.

We were very pleased to host our first United Benefice Service, when friends across the Benefice and Congresbury joined us. We later enjoyed great refreshments together in the garden of the Village Hall.

We welcomed Mac, a dear friend of the Gent family to celebrate Parish Communion.

He gave an interesting address on Octavia Hill, the wonderful English Social Reformer.

Evensong was a double celebration!

Sam Healey took his last service here. We have enjoyed the time Sam spent with us as part of his Ordination Training. His sermon on unconditional love and diamonds was perfect, as (unknown to Sam) we were also celebrating Stephen and Caroline Tanners Diamond Wedding Anniversary. We toasted sparkling congratulations to the Tanners and good luck to Sam after the service.

We have enjoyed some beautiful late afternoon sunshine at Thursday Evening Prayer, seated around the old stone cross. All are welcome to this short act of worship at 5.30pm.

Dates for your diary -

6th October ANIMAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE 10am (please note earlier start time)

Come along with all pets, great and small, suitably restrained please
Hopefully an outdoors service

13th October PARISH COMMUNION 11.15am

20th October FAMILY COMMUNION 11.15am

27th October BAPTISM SERVICE 11.15am

We are so pleased to welcome back Judith Malins on this date

Looking forwards to November -

3rd November Xplore BREAKFAST 9am in the Village Hall

Enjoy a tasty breakfast prepared for you and an informal time to explore more about 'a man who climbed to the top of a tree to see Jesus more clearly'(all worth getting up early for!)

10th November REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 10.50am Please note the earlier start time

Frances Worle

Views from Christ Church, Redhill

Harvest has been and gone, so the summer is really over and it is time to tidy up our gardens ready for the onset of winter. Our churchyard too will be subject to a number of tidy-up sessions, trimming back and sweeping up. We have a Churchyard Clean-Up Party on the morning of the fourth Saturday of every month; all are welcome. There are lighter duties, such as weeding around the flower beds, and heavier duties as in cutting back the hedges and large shrubs that encroach further and further each year. We call it a 'Party' because it is fun, sharing with others in a bit of physical work in the open air. If you like the sound of it, do come and join us 9:30-12:30.

It's not just our gardens and our churchyard that need a pre-winter tidy up, but also our lives. Over the chaos of summer; with holidays and visitors; our normal routines can fall by the wayside and the sense of balance in our lives can be lost. We do all the things that need doing, but are we also giving time to the less urgent, but equally important, things that we would like to do. I mean the things that, when we look back on the year, we may regret not having made time for. In my case it is spending time with my children and grandchildren, also a bit more 'Me Time' reading. This is the right time to survey where our time goes and decide whether routine work has encroached too much on our lives, just like those hedges encroach on the lawn.

The church refers to this time when we turn to interests other than our work as Sabbath, or Sunday. Wait a minute, you may say, the Bible refers to the Sabbath as a day of rest! Is it not based on the Creation Story, when God spent six days creating the world and all that is in it, and on the seventh day He rested? The answer is 'Yes' and 'No'. Yes, He rested on the Seventh Day, He ceased His work. But also 'No', because the Bible is clear that the Sabbath/Sunday is not to be treated as a day of enforced idleness, just not the same old work as the rest of our time. It is a time of ease, it is a time of reflection, it may also be a time of helping each other.

The essential message is that we do not allow our weeks to become a continuous round of grinding work. Your Sabbath may be a Sunday, or a Saturday, or an hour each evening, but we need to find some time when we can step off of the merry-go-round of work. And October is a really good time to try to do this.

May the love of God and the hope of Jesus Christ be a blessing in your life

Andrew

Rev'd Andrew Hemming, Priest for Redhill

from Wrington Chapel

It's Harvest time again. The hedgerows are full of berries. The wheat and barley are gathered and stored. Our allotments are producing well, as long as the slugs don't win. And Wrington Chapel celebrated Harvest on 29th September.

I never thought of it before, but it occurred to me the other day that Harvest and Christmas are incredibly well placed in the year. September/October we celebrate the physical grace shown to us. We thank God for the abundance around us; and, let's face it, we have a lot to be thankful for. Then, before we can forget that too much, comes the story of Christmas. Here we are reminded of the spiritual grace given to us - how God's love reaches out to us eternally; how Jesus reveals to us the loving heart of God and provides a way for us to live in that love without fear. So, Harvest - physical, Christmas - spiritual. It's all covered, if you trust him.

That's a good way to look at it. At Wrington Chapel we're not here to tell you what to do, or look down on you. Instead, we offer a breathing space, to reflect on the greater issues and show you some of the love of God. If you need that space, you are welcome to join us for any of the following and more:

RUTH: A four-week series looking at the biblical book of Ruth and exploring what it tells us about God and life.
4th, 11th, 18th, 25th October at 10.30am.

VENERATE: Do you like occasional worship without any formality? Do you like modern worship music, and want to relax, sing and pray? Then you are welcome at Venerate - a monthly evening occasion when we share in lively worship, have coffee

(often with cake) . Normally on the 2nd Sunday evening, the next is **13th October at 7.30pm.**

SUNBEAMS: Lively tots at home? Bring them to Sunbeams where they can play safely together whilst mums and dads chat. **Wednesday mornings at 10am** during term time. Who knows, you may make new friends.

SUNDAY WORSHIP is at **9.30am**. You will be given a warm welcome, and can sit, stand, sing, pray as much as you like. We share in Communion (Lords Supper/Eucharist) on the second Sunday each month. We record most of the teaching on Sundays, to be accessed through our website. So, even if you hear something you're not sure about, you can check it out.

HOUSE GROUPS: Sunday worship is great. But a lot of us like to get together regularly during the year in different houses. There we learn, laugh, support and encourage each other as we try to work out what this Christianity is about. If you're interested in dipping your toe in to try this out, please contact us for details, and we'll try to find a group that suits you.

PRAYER: We try to care for each other in our chapel and in our community. But we also pray - a lot. Whether you think prayer is worthwhile or not, we do. So, we hold a prayer meeting every month. We also have an active group of dedicated people who take the time to pray for much of what goes on in our village. If you would like us to pray for you, or your situation, please let us know. All requests will be kept confidential.

For any other information, or contact details, have a look at our website on wringtonchapel.com.

Reverend Duncan Tuck

Local Interest

Yoga in the Memorial Hall

The Thursday afternoon yoga classes at the Memorial Hall are moving to Thursday MORNINGS when they start up again in October.

This is a small, gentle class aiming to help everyone improve their flexibility and strength without injuring themselves. Physical fitness is not required to join, there is plenty of individual attention. As well as physical postures we practice yogic breathing to calm the mind and expand the lung capacity; relaxation and meditation to combat the stress of everyday living

Classes will start on Thursday 3 Oct 10.30 - 12.15. To register interest or find out more contact Mo on 01934-862985 / 07511075576 or

New to Barley Wood - Adult Creative Classes with Jo Sinclair!

October is the month of PRINT-MAKING

During October every Thursday morning from 10am-12pm join Jo in these fun, experimental classes and learn how to block print, make your own Lino cuts, experiment with organic and other materials to print your own unique images and designs, which can be used to print cards, tags, paper, fabric and artwork.

No previous experience is needed, just enthusiasm, a willingness to give it a go and have fun.

Thursday 3rd – create repeated patterns using BLOCK PRINTING method.

Thursday 10th – the art of LINO CUTTING

Thursday 17th – create repeat patterns and multi-layered prints, using vegetables and other natural materials

Thursday 24th – Printing techniques using foam, string and other unusual objects.

The cost for each class is £20 (pay as you go), or £75 for all four sessions, all materials are included.

Booking is essential, as numbers are limited.

Contact Jo on:

M: 07905 289721 E: josinclair@tiscali.co.uk

Chew Valley U3A

Chew Valley U3A will hold their next meeting at Ubley Village Hall on Monday, 21 October, 2019 when the speaker will be Hannah Oakley who works for BANES. She will be talking to us about recycling and composting.

Hopefully by the end of the morning we will all have a better understanding of what can and can't be recycled.

We would be delighted to welcome you at 10 am to join us for light refreshments prior to the meeting commencing at 10.30 am. The normal meeting fee of £1 (£2.50 for visitors) will apply.

Snippets of yesteryear—by Mark Bullen

Bristol Mercury August 1841

Wrington Bazaar. – The bazaar at the rectory, Wrington, held in aid of the funds for erecting an Episcopal Chapel at Redhill, took place on Tuesday and Wednesday last. It would be impossible to bestow too much praise on the ladies of the committee for the taste displayed, both in the decoration of the apartments and tent, and for the quantity, variety and elegance of the articles on their stalls. Among the curiosities offered were some texts of scripture in the hand-writing of her Majesty the Queen Dowager, and an ingenious model of “Barley Wood”, the residence of the late Mrs. Hannah More, cleverly worked in wood and straw by a youth of the village, named Charles Challenger.

The unfavourable state of the weather on the second day caused a profusion of beautiful and valuable articles to be left on hand which, as will be seen by an advertisement, will be sold at the Boys' National School-room, at Wrington, on Tuesday next.

Bath Gazette August 1841

Teasel Crop.- It is with much regret we notice the great rot and failure of the teasel crop, caused by the heavy rains of late. The principal parishes for the growth of this article are Wrington, Blagdon, Churchill, Congresbury, Winscombe and those immediately in that neighbourhood. There is hardly a plot of ground with this valuable article, on which the teasels are not entirely rotted. The deficiency will be most severely felt by the labourers at the approaching winter, especially as this crop gives so much more employment than any other agricultural produce. It is considered by the best judges that there will not be a pack per acre cut in this county, and that those will be of wretched quality.

Wrington Gardening Club

17th October - Mike Smith will be taking us on a tour of the renowned Dutch bulb gardens at Keukenhof. Here there are 79 acres, stunningly planted with 7 million bulbs annually! Quite a sight and quite an undertaking.

Our meeting will be held, as usual, in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm
Non-members are very welcome to join us at any meeting (£2 entry)
If you have any queries regarding the club, do please contact me.

'I long for bulbs to arrive, for the early autumn chores are melancholy, but the planting of bulbs is the work of hope and is always thrilling' May Sarton - 1912-1995

Maggie Williams - 861126

Local Interest

THE MENDIP CHRISTMAS FAIR

at Aldwick Court Farm

Saturday 2nd November 10.00am – 5.00pm

Sunday 3rd November 10.00am – 3.30pm

Are you bored with the same old high street shops, selling the same things? Do not panic. The Mendip Christmas Fair is here. Once again, we are thrilled to be holding the Fair at Aldwick Court Farm, in the beautiful countryside, just south of the A38 between Wrington and Redhill? You can do all your Christmas shopping under one roof, and then relax with a cup of coffee, a slice of cake or a light lunch. There is no need to rush as there is ample, free parking.

And the best thing about it is that all the profits raised are shared equally between the Guild of Friends of Bristol Royal Hospital for Children and the Children's Hospice South West. Last year we made a fantastic £17,000.

So, why not take the opportunity to shop for original gifts, knowing that everything you spend will help raise money for very sick children across the south west.

We look forward to seeing you – and bring your friends.

For more information, and to see the list of exciting stalls, visit our website www.mendipchristmasfair.org

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES FOR DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN

Would you please consider making a child in need dance for joy? It's simple - pack and send a shoebox overseas with Operation Christmas Child.

Once again we at Wrington Chapel are participating in this initiative and we are inviting our community to take part.

If you would like to be involved in this worthwhile cause, please pick up a leaflet and a box at the Chapel or from Sue Cross at New Image.

'But the main ingredient in the gift boxes is the love of those who packed them.'

PLEASE NOTE THAT CUSTOMS WILL NOT PERMIT SWEETS AND TOOTHPASTE THIS YEAR .

We appreciate that this notice seems early but the boxes need to be sent in by mid November.

Jenny & Graham Berry 862754.

Local Club News Cont.....

Wrighton Vale Rotary Club

Youth activities will be of special interest during the balance of the Rotary year. Following the success of several competitions involving local primary and junior schools, the Youth Committee under the Chairmanship of Paul Jenkins is now committed to organising more competitions to which talented pupils, via their schools, may wish to enter.

The competitions provide young students the opportunity to shine in whatever they, their parents and the Junior Schools feel there is a particular talent. Future competitions include, Youth Speaks, Young Musician, Young Chef, Young Artist, Young Environmentalist, Young Film Maker, Young Photographer and Young Writer. For any parent knowing their child has a particular talent in any of the mentioned subjects and would wish to seek more information in how to enter these competitions, please contact the local school the child attends because they are aware of all the competitions. For youngsters who do not attend a local junior school, please contact Rotarian Paul Jenkins on 01934 732872 for more information.

The President and members of the Club quickly responded to the plight of the people in the Bahamas with regards to the Hurricane Dorian disaster by organising a quickly arranged appeal outside Budgens in Churchill. Too soon to decide where the appeal funds will be directed other than Aid boxes in one form or another. President and members of Wrighton Vale would like to thank the management of Budgens and their customers for their generosity in supporting this humanitarian appeal.

October has attracted excellent speakers with a wide range of topics to present to the members for our weekly Wednesday evening meetings at Barley Wood. Should any persons wishing to know more about Wrighton Vale Rotary Club, please visit our web page, www.wrightonvalerotary.org.uk.



Local Club News, Cont....

INNER WHEEL CLUB OF



WRINGTON VALE

FREEWHEELERS VISIT INNER WHEELERS!

Wrington Vale Inner Wheel were very lucky to have a visit from one of the volunteers from the local group of NABB (National Association of Blood Bikes). David from NABB, aka Freewheelers, is based in Banwell so he didn't have far to come to our first meeting of the new IW year in our new venue at the Woodborough Inn, Winscombe.

David is one of 130 volunteers and he was proud to show off his bike and tell us about his days – and nights! - delivering everything from medicines, blood & plasma to laboratory samples and breast milk, as well as helping with the fund-raising. Maybe you've seen them and their bikes outside your local supermarket? Independent of the NHS, these men and women are the go-to life savers when it comes to emergency deliveries during the night and over the whole weekend. Weston-super-Mare was one of the founder members of NABB in 1990, with just one bike. Their area now covers Somerset, Dorset and parts of Gloucester and riders can easily clock up close to 400 miles in a session. Our picture shows David with new President Angie and Speaker Finder Yvonne and the all-important bike.



Our IW Club are proud to have the NABB Freewheelers as one of President Angie's chosen charities this year and our picture shows Past President Pauline presenting the chain of office to Angie. The President's other two charities for her year are the local group of Parkinson's UK and the Somerset Levels RDA, specifically, Carriage Driving. As a Club we'll be doing our best to raise money for all these worthy causes with Quizzes, lunches and more all held locally. Watch this space for more details!

Our Club meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Woodborough Inn at 6.15 pm. We would love to see you at a meeting and look forward to making you welcome at one of our fundraisers.

Forthcoming event

Quiz with Fish & Chip supper 7 o'clock, Friday 11th October St James' Hall, Winscombe. BYO drinks/glasses. Teams of 6. FFI: Pauline 01934 852481

Local Clubs News, Cont...

Blagdon Local History Society

Our monthly meeting is a little different in October – a whole weekend!

October 12th and 13th, an open exhibition, 'Know Your Village – Street End'.

In Court Lodge 10am – 4pm each day. There will also be a further opportunity to view on the following Wednesday, exact times to be confirmed.

Come and browse our displays of photographs, newspaper cuttings, maps and information, focussing on the Street End area of the village.

Find answers to some of the questions below or ask your own.

For instance: What was the area like in the 1840s? Where could you find the beer-house, bakery or Rhodyate Stores? Where was the YWCA Hostel? Who were notables Ike Smart and John Clark. When were blacksmiths working in the forge and who founded Mendip Garage? Where was the Mendip Hotel or the shirt factory..... and more.

We are also delighted to be launching our new edition of Volume 1 of the History of Blagdon series. It has been re-edited and updated with several brand new chapters. An excellent Christmas present perhaps?

Court Lodge is next to Blagdon Post Office and Stores, not far from the village car-

Wrington WI

We returned to the Memorial Hall after our summer break on 12th September, and after singing Jerusalem a minute's silence was kept for Pat Riches, a long-time very active member of Wrington WI, who died in August.

Our President, Jean Durston, highlighted several events in the course of planning for our Centenary in 2020 – it should be a very exciting year! But before that, we are holding one of our very popular 'Pop-up' Fashion Shows on Friday 11th October at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, and members were encouraged to buy tickets asap as they are always in demand.

Our speaker for the evening was Ashley Jones, who gave a fascinating presentation on a forgotten hero of WWII - Field Marshall Viscount 'Bill' Slim. This included news-reel reports at the time of the Burma Campaign in 1944, successfully led by Bill Slim, which prevented the invasion of India by the Japanese. It became clear that this man was a quiet hero who valued the lives of his men, and in turn they loved and respected him. A contemporary of Montgomery and Mountbatten, Bill Slim played just as decisive role in winning the war, although his name is much less familiar.

Our meeting next month is on Thursday 10th October in the Memorial Hall as usual at 7.30 pm. This will be our birthday meeting, when we shall have drinks and a cake marking our 99th birthday! **Gabrielle Wilson**

Local Club News

The French Connection

Autumn News

The French Connection is a group for everybody in and around Wrington who shares an interest in France and things French. It also runs the Wrington Twinning Association that provides formal links between the communities of Wrington and Villeneuve-lès-Béziers, which borders the Canal du Midi a few kilometres from the Mediterranean. The twinning link was established back in 2010 and over the years has organised many interesting trips and shared activities, and developed links between the schools in both communities. It meets 6-7 times a year for events (films, talks, social activities).

The Future: close or develop?

The future of the French connection is now in question since the current committee has been unchanged for some while and some members will be retiring this year. New members, especially those prepared to join the committee, are essential to take the French Connection forward. *Please contact a member of the Committee as soon as possible if you are interested in participating.*

The finances are in excellent shape with a good budget to invest in future activities that will extend the membership and generate further funds. The French Connection folds and the remaining funds are disposed of in line with provisions in the Constitution.

The AGM on the 12th November will be the time when the French Connection baton is passed on or, failing this, we opt for a no-deal exit. The main agenda item will be 'The Future of the French Connection'.

There are two more events in the 2018-19 calendar: w/c 7th October a party from Wrington is visiting Villeneuve for a viewing of World Cup rugby France v England (live from Japan) hosted by the Villeneuve rugby club. Groups will be making the journey by various forms of transport including vintage car, cycle and slow trains in addition to flights.

12th November AGM and + presentations 'Wrington-Villeneuve Overland'.

Should a substantially new committee be elected there is a skeleton 2019-20 programme to provide a reference point for a new committee. In addition, there is the possibility of informal French language classes for beginners (Annabel Scott, tbc)

Again, please contact Annabel Scott or one of the current committee if you would like further information.

Current Committee members: Annabel Scott, Chair (annabelscott96@googlemail.com), Tony Hancock (hancock.divonne@gmail.com), Janet Walters (janet.walters52@gmail.com), Frank Finn (frank.finn@intradynamics.co.uk), John Adams (jrjadams@gmail.com)

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Wrington Branch of the Royal British Legion would like to thank all those who purchased tickets for the raffle at the recent Gardening Club Flower Show. We also thank members and businesses in the Village who donated prizes. We made a profit of just over £200.

This will help us with our welfare work for our members and their families.

Members:- The A.G.M. for 2019 will be held in the Reading Room on Monday, 4th November at 10.30am. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits available from 10.15. Please come along and support your committee.

John Gallop
Secretary Wrington RBL

Local Club News

Bowls Club

Did you know.....

The earliest documented use of the word 'Jack' in a Bowls context is by William Shakespeare from Cymbeline (thought to have been written in 1609) when he caused Cloten to exclaim, "Was there ever man had such luck! When I kissed the jack, upon an up-cast to be hit away." Some believe the origin of the word "Jack" is derived from the Latin word 'Jactus' ~ meaning a cast or a throw. However, the most popular theory is that Jack, in some contexts, means a slightly smaller version of something. For example a jack-rabbit is a little rabbit. In this case a 'Jack-Bowl', was the little bowl, later shortened to 'Jack'. In 1697 R. Pierce wrote "He had not Strength to throw the Jack-Bowl half over the Green".

League Season

The league season has been a bit of an up and down affair. Our Ladies strongly contested the top of their league whilst the men, despite some plucky end of season bowling which even saw them beat the league champions, ended in relegation.

Club Competitions

After a season of keenly contested Club Competitions the following emerged victorious:

Men's Singles ~ Peter Johnson

Ladies Singles ~ Linda Johnson

Challenge Shield ~ John Gowar

Men's Singles Handicap ~ Pat Lewis

Ladies Singles Handicap ~ Jill Cowgill

Second Chance Cup ~ John Baker

Men's Pairs ~ Peter Bourrel & John Gowar

Ladies Pairs ~ Pauline Jefferies & Sue Titman

Mixed Pairs ~ Brenda Lewis & Dave Reynolds

Family Cup ~ Andrew & Wendy Tandy

Men's Triples ~ Andy Brown, Ted Moss & Dave Reynolds

Ladies Triples ~ Debbie Baker, Jill Cowgill & Yvonne Valentine

Christine Bowden Cup ~ Jill Cowgill & Pat Lewis

Congratulations to all

Andy and Wendy Tandy

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Burrington Primary School

What a great start we have had to the academic year. We welcomed the children back after the summer break and it was wonderful to see their excitement and enthusiasm as they bounced into school in their smart school uniforms! We are delighted to welcome new families across the school. All the children have settled in so well and the year ahead promises to be a very good one.

We have welcomed new staff as well. Mrs. Cottis, our new Deputy Headteacher, is largely based in Birch Class with Mrs. Bourton, teaching EYFS and Y1. She is looking forward to leading maths throughout the school. We are delighted to be developing our Cherry Buds Nursery provision this year and two members of new staff have been appointed to join the EYFS teaching team: Miss Charlotte Hynham and Mrs. Andrea Johns.

To complement our daily breakfast club, we have started a new 'after school' club which is proving popular. It enables children to stay on at school in a relaxed setting and to attend the many clubs which are on offer. It is going from strength to strength and has been a welcomed facility for working parents. The focus is on having fun and the staff have enjoyed assembling suitable resources for children of all ages (3-11). It has been 'all change' over the summer as the staff undertook the huge task of swapping classrooms. What a transformation! It was a wonderful opportunity to review resources and reorganise equipment. The staff did a brilliant job and the school is looking great. We now have two Early Years/Y1 areas suitable for our younger children to learn. Oak class is enjoying a new 'upstairs' room and our oldest children in Maple are making the most of being in the largest room at the heart of the school.

The term may only just have begun but we have been very busy. Year 6 joined their peers from Wrington to travel down to North Devon for their joint federation residential activity week. Surfing, abseiling and Pedal Karting were just some of the events that the children enjoyed during the five days away.

We were delighted to receive a Gold Award in September in recognition for our super sports teaching at Burrington. This recognised the high quality of provision, the children's levels of participation and the competitive success we have enjoyed. We are passionate about sport and I should like to thank everyone who contributed to achieving this award, particularly Mrs. Morris, our leader of competitive sports.

The PTA have been busy. You may have noticed the Burrington PTA refreshment stall at the recent village fete. Many of the primary school children took part in the Rickford dash and then returned to enjoy the traditional activities in the glorious setting of the fete.

We will be having an open morning on Tuesday October 1st at 9.30 am so do come along and see the school and Cherry Buds nursery in action. We are also having a forest school mini taster session for children (accompanied by parents or carers) age 2 -4 on Wednesday 16th October 1.45-2.30pm. Wearing old clothes is advisable as it can get rather messy! Please book your child's place in advance – all welcome. Visits to our lovely school at any time are always welcome. Please contact Mrs. Jo Webb in the office on 01761462662 to book an appointment.

Sarah Joskey
Head teacher

On Our Farms

When farmers measure their level of success more often than not it includes crop yields, milk yields, prices achieved, new trees or hedges planted and maybe an increase in wildlife species if they are that way inclined. After the prolonged drought of 2018, success in 2019 has been measured by how much feed has been produced to replenish stocks. I'm pleased to report, subject to a half decent crop of maize, most farms will have full clamps and silos again ready for the coming winter. It's not without effort or cost and for the eagle eyed, you may have noticed an extra cut of silage being made on some farms and combines rolling late into the night gathering a really good crop of grain. So far it has been a case of the seasons cancelling each other out so the hardship of 2018 being comforted by good conditions and good crops in 2019. Let's hope it continues.

As I've noted before, rather than buying tonnes and tonnes of fertiliser, the majority of farmers measure the level of nutrients in the soil, assess what nutrients the growing crop needs and apply manure and or slurry to provide as many of the nutrients as possible. This year this has been especially important trying to grow extra crop. In an organic system this is the only source of nutrients other than what the plants produce in the form of nitrogen. In a non-organic system, with mineral fertiliser (man made from fossil fuels) being allowed there is the luxury of being able to 'top up' when manure nutrients aren't enough on their own. Unfortunately this comes at a perceived cost to some in the form of odour. The majority of the consuming public acknowledge and accept that to reduce the carbon footprint of food production this is a key tool in achieving these aims, and it has been for hundreds of years. There are some however who take exception to farmers storing and spreading these manures and unfortunately if a complaint is made about it to the authorities they are duty bound to investigate. I'm sure I'd much rather put up with a week or so of smells spread through the year than rely on depleting resources and either growing food using man made fertiliser or worse still felling rain forest in south America so our 'problem' is exported.

On a more positive note, I've had some recent involvement with a small family farm that produces some of the nicest ice cream I have ever tasted. Chew Moos is run by the Parfitt family in Dundry. They have conducted sound market research, developed a fantastic range of products and all from less than 30 cows. It just goes to show, you don't necessarily need to be big to be successful. You need a great idea, a burning desire to succeed and in their case, lots of people who enjoy ice cream.

Nick Green MBA P.Agric FRAgS FIAgM C.Env
Farm Operations Director, Lye Cross Farm

Mendip Spring Garden Village

Following the inspectors recent criticisms at the hearing of the joint special plan (JSP), a detailed second letter has been received by NSC for consideration. The four councils that make up WECA (West of England Combined Authority) will now consider the technical details and their implications before submitting a response to the Planning Inspectorate.

I along with other local councillors are lobbying the Executive to use this opportunity to conduct a full comparative review of potential locations and their proximity to strategic transport links and employment infrastructure etc.

If, like me, you do not wish to see 3000 houses built in Churchill and a possible dual carriageway cutting its way across our fields, the inspectors findings are good news. However, we do need to create a strategy for house building across the region or we will be at the mercy of developers for years to come.

Recycling & waste collections

After an unacceptable level of service over the summer, NSC requested the waste contractor (Biffa) put in place a number of measures to rectify the situation. The service has started to settle down over the last couple of weeks (with a few exceptions!)

Road Markings, School Rd

My apologies. I had understood that this work would be completed over the summer holidays. As I write (September 15) it now looks likely to happen later this month or early October.

Mother Hen Café/Zero Waste Pantry

I attended a Community Afternoon at Mother Hen this weekend. I think what Sophie (Mother Hen) and Kelly (Zero Waste Pantry) are doing here in our village is inspiring. Sophie also runs a number of community based events at the café, including a weekly 'Chatter & Natter' table (Weds 9.30am-11am). This is part of a national scheme. Visit www.thechattycafescheme.co.uk for details. Kelly's Zero Waste Pantry meanwhile, is a gem of a shop. I took my empty muesli container and shower gel bottles with me and am sitting here smelling of pomegranate and munching on a healthy breakfast. Seriously, these community enterprises can only continue if we use them. Why not make a point of popping in once a week for a coffee and a few refills? Let's spend (and therefore keep) our money within Wrington, rather than sending it all to Costa/Tesco HQ.

Steve

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Local Interest

Concert by Candlelight

With
Weston Light Orchestra
Barley Wood, Wrington

Saturday 16th November 2019
7pm drinks reception / 7.30pm concert
£12.50 per person

Includes:
Prosecco on arrival & Canapés

Tickets available from:
Barley Wood, Amor's Stores
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Wrighton Parish Council

Local Reuse and Recycling Events - reminder

The Parish council and North Somerset Council in partnership with Changing Lives have organised a local reuse and recycling event to take place on **Thursday 3 October, 4.30-6.30pm**. Wrighton Memorial Hall, Silver street, BS40 5QE.

Bring along your unwanted furniture (items brought be comfortable for two people to move) and items suitable for reuse or recycling along with any small unwanted electrical items such as toasters and hairdryers. Items collected at these events will be checked by Changing Lives then resold within their stores or taken to be recycled via the recycling Centres.

If you are unable to attend, or have very large items you can take items to a recycling centre direct or book a bulky waste collection by phoning North Somerset Council on 01934 888 802. Please do not leave any items at the Hall outside of the event time as they will not be collected and would be treated as fly-tipping.

Parish Council meetings in October 2019:

Tuesday 8 and 29 October - Planning Committee meeting at 6.30pm

Wednesday 16 October – Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm

The John Locke Room is open to the public on Tuesday and Friday mornings (except Bank holidays) from 10am-12noon.

Wrighton Parish Council

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Wrighton Local History Society

The speaker at our next meeting on Tuesday 15 October (8pm at the URC Chapel), will be Weston-super-Mare historian Pat Hase, when she will be talking about “Memories of the Blitz” in the town during WW2.

Pat is an avid researcher and very entertaining speaker, having visited our Society several times over the last few years. She has covered topics as diverse as Victorian Servants, the Workhouse and Alfred Leete, the local artist who designed the WW1 poster “Your Country Needs You!”.

Non-members welcome, as ever (£2.50 entrance fee, to include refreshments).

Mark Bullen, Secretary

RNLI Winscombe

Results for August – Chris continued to run his “Bits & Pieces” Table at the Winscombe Thursday Market throughout August and raised £152.

Activities in September – On Sunday 1st we were delighted to be part of the very first and very successful Wells Emergency Services Day in Wells Market Place organised by Wells Rotary. As a Branch primarily involved in Fund Raising, it enabled us to get alongside our operational colleagues at Weston-super-Mare and Burnham-on-Sea. Consequently, the RNLI display was a team effort that included our own Display Board plus two displays from Weston-super-Mare Lifeboat Station, Gary Bressington from the RNLI “Respect the Water” Team displayed a range of lifejackets, radios, emergency flares and other safety items suitable for all types of boats, and Jared Colclough the RNLI South West Ambassador from Burnham brought his RNLI Camper Van and caravan together with an inflatable “Shannon” Lifeboat. Mary & Bill Wallace manned their Souvenirs & Cards Stall while Shaun & Joe Attwood acted as “Stormy Stan” all day. Mary sold over £160 stock, our Collection Buckets raised £181 and Jared raised £214 from his varied attractions; a great day out.

On Saturday 14th at Winscombe Michaelmas Fair Mary ran our Souvenirs Table and Tina and Kevin ran the Bottle Game. Once again James Barattini and family organised another sell-out “Winscombe Folk Night” on Saturday 21st in St James’ Hall featuring a trio of young folk from Norfolk – “Alden, Patterson and Dashwood”. The trio of Christina Alden (Guitar & Vocals), Alex Patterson (Fiddle & Vocals) and Noel Dashwood (Resonator Guitar (Dobro) & Vocals) provided us with a superb evening of rich vocal harmonies, accompanied by stunning playing and beautifully written original songs and melodies.

Our October Programme – On Wednesday 9th, Mark Walton the Landlord of the Queen Victoria Inn at Priddy (BA5 3BA) is providing another delicious Fish & Chip Supper Night from 6:30pm with a set menu of “Cod, Chips & Mushy Peas” at a fixed price of £10 per meal. There will be 60 Supper places on a “First Come First Booked” basis by booking directly with Mark at the Queen Victoria Inn on 01749 676385 or by e-mail mark@thequeenvicpriddy.co.uk.

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There will be a Concert of Maritime Music sung by Bristol Male Voice Choir and “High & Dry” Shanty Men in Victoria Methodist Church, Weston-super-Mare (BS23 1XU) at 7:30pm on Saturday 12th (Doors open at 7:00pm); this is a Joint Winscombe & Weston-super-Mare undertaking. Bristol Male Voice Choir has developed a wide-ranging repertoire over almost 50 years singing traditional male voice favourites. “High & Dry” is an “a cappella” sea shanty group formed in 2012.

Tickets priced £10 (£5 for U16) may be obtained from Allan Cooper (allan.coop@tiscali.co.uk) or purchased on the door. All proceeds will go towards the construction of the new RNLI Lifeboat House at “The Cove” Weston-super-Mare.” On Sunday 20th we will run a Bucket Collection at Cadbury Garden Centre.

Local Launches in August – Fifteen launches (Burnham-on-Sea - 3, Minehead – 2, Portishead - 6 and W-s-M – 4). On Monday 5th August Milford Haven Coastguard paged Burnham-on-Sea RNLI volunteers to attend a grounded 30 foot yacht, with five persons on board, in the River Parrett. Both lifeboats were launched and went to the casualty vessel where the crew of the Atlantic 85 arranged a tow and pulled the yacht clear. The casualty vessel then proceeded under its own power shepherded by the lifeboat back to the yacht’s berth in the River Brue.



Local Interest

All Saints' Wroughton

Pop-Up Hallow e'en

Thursday 31st October
4.30 – 8.00 p.m.

In The Barn behind Wringbrook House off Station Road

Pop in for a hot chocolate, cake and games / activities. Everyone welcome.

Angel Fest

A festival of angels at All Saints

Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 November

Help us fill our church with angels!

Do get in touch as we'd love to make this a real village event with everyone getting involved. We're looking for displays of all shapes and sizes from individuals, families, local groups and clubs

For more info, please contact Gill in the Church Office: 01934 861294 or church.office@rectory.org.uk

Organ Concert by David Bednall at St Mary's, Yatton, 26th October, 2019

Dr David Bednall was an organ scholar at Oxford and is now a teaching fellow at the University of Bristol and sub organist at Bristol Cathedral. He is recognised as one of the leading choral composers of his generation and is also the director of the University singers. He has given recitals in many English and French Cathedrals including La Trinité and Notre-Dame, Paris. His music will include popular organ classics and the concert will be enhanced with a video display screen of the organ key and pedal boards for the audience to further appreciate his performance.

The concert starts at 7.30 p.m. at St Mary's Church, Yatton. Ticket prices £8.00 YMS members, £10.00 non-members. Tickets can be obtained from the Church office or on the door on the night. For details of this concert and future Society events please visit www.yms.org.uk, or contact

David Ford 01934 830255 or e-mail david.ford@yms.org.uk.

Local Club News

Redhill Village Hall/Club Events

Church Road, Redhill, North Somerset BS40 5SG. Located just off the A38, 2 miles south of Bristol Airport. Tel: 01934 862619. (Open six days a week from 7pm) Website: <http://www.wrington.net/organisations/redhillclub/>

New members always welcome. Thinking about joining - call in for an application form. (Subs due on 1st April each year).

Open Mic Night's 8pm - 11pm - Friday 4th October - Friday 1st November & Friday 6th December. Hosted by Jerry Blythe. Join us in the club room and unwind with an evening of live music, acoustic singer-songwriters at their very best and enjoy the mix of local professionals as well as open mic slots. Call Jerry on 07900 587646 for more information. Remember it's open for musicians, poets, performance artists and storytellers, so tell anyone you know to get in touch if they would like to perform.

Classic Car & Motorcycle Breakfast Gathering - Sunday 13th October 9am - 11am. Full English Breakfast served in the Village Hall. All enthusiasts are welcome to park up for a chat and meet like-minded people. All welcome to come along and view the vehicles on show.

Halloween Party Night - Saturday 26th October. 7pm til late. Entry for children £1.50 and adults £3. Fancy dress (optional). Hot Dogs. Disco music for all ages.

Christmas Fair - Sunday 24th November - 1pm - 4pm. There will be around 30 stalls offering festive gifts for all. If you would like to book a stall for £10, please contact Hazel on 01275 474973.

Yatton Bridge Club

Our group would very much welcome new members.

We are a small friendly club playing duplicate bridge every Wednesday evening in Yatton Village Hall, from 7.00-10pm

If you have a partner just come in on the evening (Jack Crease room)

If you need a partner or would like more information please ring

Rosey on 01934 876886 or 07976 835341

Local Interest

Trinity Singers

For their Autumn Concert, Trinity Singers join with Churchill Academy Chamber Choir in an evening of beguiling and uplifting choral gems. Entitled “**Cheerful Notes**”, the concert opens with Handel’s exuberant *‘With cheerful notes let all the earth’*. This leads into a varied and appealing programme, ranging from madrigals from the time of Elizabeth I, through music of the Romantic era, to more modern works including Whitacre’s *‘Alleluia’* and choral arrangements from *‘West Side Story’* and *‘The Lion King’*. The concert closes with ELO’s ever-cheery *‘Mister Blue Sky’*.

This attractive concert is on **Saturday 9th November** at **All Saints Church, Weston-super-Mare**, starting at **7:30 pm**. Tickets cost £10 for adults and £5 for students. Please go to **www.trinitysingers.co.uk** for further information and booking.



Singing For Fun

The next Singing For Fun session will be on Tuesday 15 October. Come along and join in the fun and bring friends with you. No singing or musical ability is needed, just a sense of humour. We have a break for refreshments and a chin-wag.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 15 October.

Tina Hillis

Arts & Crafts

A new Arts & Crafts group has been set up under a new initiative run by the West of England Rural Network. The Rural Connections Arts & Craft group, funded by the National Lottery Community Fund and facilitated by Village Agent, Tina Huckle-Mills, is to be held on the **first Wednesday of every month between 2 – 3pm in Mother Hen Café, Wrington**. If you fancy a chat and cuppa, whilst turning your hand to the knitting/crocheting of Angels, please do come along, you will be made most welcome. Alternatively if you are unable to make it, you can contact Tina and request an Angel knitting pattern to enable you to still contribute to this exciting project which will culminate in November. The next date is Weds 3rd July, 2 – 3pm. Contact Tina Huckle-Mills on 01934 225 184 or email ti-na@wern.org.uk for further information.

Local Interest

Chew Valley Versus Arthritis

Many thanks to all who came to our Coffee Morning in Bishop Sutton on 4th July. You helped us raise a magnificent £485.25 for the charity 'Versus Arthritis'.

We are holding another event this year, in the autumn – an Information Day on Saturday, 26th October at Chew Stoke Methodist Hall from 10.00am. This follows a successful similar event three years ago. We are anticipating that the focus will be on the importance of exercise in managing arthritis or 'Escape Pain' workshops, dependent on the availability of speakers. 'Information stalls' on helpful services will be present and refreshments will be available. Posters will be displayed in the Chew Valley area over the next few weeks, so keep a look-out for further information.

Redhill WI

The September meeting of Redhill WI began with an enthusiastic singing of Jerusalem. We were accompanied by the beautiful voice of Katherine Jenkins and, although we couldn't hit the high notes quite as she did, nevertheless it was lovely to be starting our meeting once again in the traditional fashion.

Our President welcomed members and visitors before thanking all those who had been responsible for organising the previous month's trip out.

Our August gathering had taken the form of an outing for a delicious lunch at the Somerset Flower Café in Wrington followed by a very interesting visit to Regilbury Park Farm to see the source of our excellent, local milk and cheese. We were treated to a fascinating tour of the circular, rotating and totally automated milking parlour, a powerpoint presentation detailing all the many facets of the family-run business and, finally, a delicious tea courtesy of Mrs Pauline Alvis in her lovely conservatory. As our visit coincided with the 'Points West' Farming in Focus week we were able to see some of the folk we met in the afternoon as stars of the screen on TV in the evening! It was agreed that, although very local, this had been a most enjoyable trip for us all.

Following the remaining business part of the meeting, our speaker was Lisa Dollery on 'Motion is Lotion'. At least, she didn't so much speak as put us through our paces with squishy balls and chairs, introducing us, through some introductory Pilates moves, to a series of exercise routines and a breathing regime. Despite a fair bit of giggling and heckling it was great fun – most of us found we were using muscles we didn't even know existed!

Having been recommended that we visit a budget convenience store to purchase (dog?) balls for ourselves and thus continue with our own exercise regime at home, the fun came to an end and we adjourned for tea, coffee and cake.

Lisa was warmly thanked and then asked to judge the competition "My Favourite Perfume"; the raffle was won by Dorothy Blackmoor and then the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday October 8th at 7.30 in the Village Hall as usual when the speaker will be Phillip Hoyland, whose topic will be 'Benefits, Brass and the Girttest, Grandest Day'. New members or visitors are always welcome.

After our most successful Land Army Tea in June, Redhill WI's next big event will be the Harvest Supper to be held on Friday October 25th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and Club. This year our entertainment will be in the form of a "Singalong Session" led by the Redhill Singing for Fun group.

Tickets, at £10 each, are available from Hilary Vowles (Tel: 01934 862778).

Local Interest

GCSE results—Churchill Academy

Students at Churchill Academy and Sixth Form are celebrating excellent GCSE results with 55% of students achieving the “strong pass” threshold of grade 5 and above in both English and Maths. 82% of students achieved the grade 4 standard pass or above in English, with 79% achieving the standard pass in Mathematics. The headline Attainment 8 score was 49.

The top academic performer this year is Jasmine Rooke, with an astonishing ten grade 9s. “I’m very relieved. A little shocked, but it’s nice to know all the hard work has paid off.” Jasmine is continuing at Churchill Academy & Sixth Form studying Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry and Geography.

Impressive results were also achieved by Catherine Hurcombe (eight grade 9s and two grade 8s), and John Skeen (six grade 9s and four grade 8s). Samuel Smith and Bede Burston also achieved fantastic results with all ten GCSEs at grade 7 and above.

Jack Amer, Mason Beramsingh, Amelia Hurst, Emma Vaughn, Emily Aldridge, Serena Dams, Rosie Clements, Jason McLaren, Isabella Trafford, Holly Stoneman, Jackson Harper, Olive Barnett, Caitlin Burke and Benjamin Wheeler all achieved eight or more GCSEs at grade 7 and above.

Headteacher Chris Hildrew said: “This is another excellent set of results. This year at Churchill we have been keen to emphasise the importance of finding a balance between school work and extra-curricular activities, so that our students could manage the stress of exam season. It’s great to see that excellent results can be achieved when the wellbeing of our students is prioritised. Our success is testament to the partnership between our expert staff, our dedicated families, and the efforts of our wonderful students. I am very proud of them all, and I look forward to welcoming many of them into our successful Sixth Form in September.”

Alongside the consistently strong performance in Mathematics, excellent results were achieved in GCSE Business Studies, Economics, Food and Nutrition, Music and Religious Studies. GCSE students benefitted from the Academy’s new facilities in Food and Nutrition GCSE, where over 80% of students achieved a strong pass and 40% achieved grade 7 or higher. The new Science laboratories also inspired students, with high grades achieved across GCSEs in Biology, Physics and Chemistry.

The Academy was oversubscribed again for Year 7 places starting in September 2019. Applications are now open for next year, with an Open Evening for prospective parents on Wednesday 25th September, and Open Mornings on the 1st and 2nd October. Applications to join the Sixth Form are also open, with an Open Evening taking place on 13th November.

A concise history of the village of Wrington

Noting important events and Characters from 904 AD

By George Brooks

PART 4

War in Wrington – the Great and Second World Wars

When Germany invaded into Belgium in 1914, Great Britain was quick to respond. During the war, 15 sons of Wrington gave their lives across 5 fronts: France and Belgium, Gallipoli, Bulgaria and at sea. Most of the men served in the New Armies, created by Secretary for War Lord Kitchener. Cpl Edward John Buncombe, LCpl Alfred Hewer Perry and Pte Albert Vowles all served in the 13th Regiment of Foot, the Somerset Light infantry which was the local regiment. Others went further afield, including to the Artillery, the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines and regiments of neighbouring counties.

When Germany invaded Poland in 1939, Wrington was about half the size it is today with a population of only 1,500 people. Thanks to the lack of supermarkets, Wrington was prosperous; with butchers, boot makers, bakers and general grocery stores. Radios, bicycles and electrical goods were repaired locally and the garage hired out cars. The village was served well by three local pubs – *The Plough*, *The Golden Lion* and *The Bell*, the former two still remain open today.

At the outbreak of the war, special constables, air raid patrols, auxiliary fire services and a company of Home Guard were formed or expanded in Wrington. There was no shortage of people willing to serve. Salvage initiatives also received generous donations from Wrington.

The nearest Wrington ever found itself to any Germans was when a Heinkel 111 was shot down and landed in a field near King's Road. The crew bailed out and were captured by the Home Guard. The then ten-year old Gladys Brough, local resident, remembers the plane coming down and how the boys all rushed out to grab souvenirs before the Army arrived to take control of the scene.

Wrington also took its fair share of evacuees, 190 in total. Whilst special constables had the power to force evacuees on a home, all 190 people were housed by volunteers, testament to Wrington's generosity. Parents of evacuated children would come to visit as often as possible, usually at weekends by special bus service. This must have been a logistical nightmare as well as very emotional.

Come the end of the war, most evacuees had returned home already. Victory in Europe day was celebrated with a large bonfire, music, dancing, singing and general good cheer from all.

News from Wrington Primary School

Starting back after the summer holidays brings much excitement and anticipation. The teaching staff are rested, rejuvenated and energised for the year ahead. The children are excited, eager and smart, with shiny shoes and bright smiles!

On behalf of the staff and governors at Wrington Church of England Primary School, I would like to offer a warm welcome to the newest members of our school community who have joined us this term (in Reception class, as well as in other classes throughout the school), and we wish them and their families our very best wishes for the new school term.

We may have only just started Term 1, but our school is already a hive of activity!

For the first two weeks of term, all children participate in our whole school Mark Making Week, during which children explore a range of artistic effects and presentation techniques, whilst also practising their handwriting, learning class routines and getting to grips with the expectations in their brand new classes. This year we gave our Mark Making Week an international focus, with each of our seven classes using a continent as inspiration for their artwork and creative exploration.

This morning, Year 6 set off for their annual residential week to Devon, where they will be experiencing a huge range of outdoor activities – we'll keep our fingers crossed for good weather!

Our music studio, which had its roof replaced during the summer, is now being redecorated, ready for hosting our range of peripatetic music teachers. We eagerly await our new clean, warm and inspiring musical environment.

At Wrington we are very proud of our reading curriculum, and the quality of the authors and texts that we share in class. On 13th September we will be celebrating Roald Dahl Day by reading and sharing the wonderful language and imagery in his stories and poems. We will be making book marks, re-designing book covers, creating artwork and having a fun-filled afternoon, hopefully inspiring more children to pick up a Roald Dahl book!

Later this month, children in Year 1 and 2 will be having scooter safety training, provided by For2Feet Ltd, as part of our whole school focus on well-being, and also linking to the children's road safety awareness. Children will learn about how to scoot sensibly, being mindful of their own safety, as well as being considerate towards other members of the community.

We are delighted to be back at school for the new academic year (2019 – 2020!) and we have many exciting plans for the year ahead. Watch this space!

Corinne Clarke Deputy Head

Wrington Community Minibus

October and November 2019

The Wrington Community Minibus is run by a Local Charity.

It is available to be used by ALL in the Local Community

Date	Time	Destination	Fare
Wednesday Oct 02	09:30 am	Weston-super-Mare	£3
Friday Oct 04	01:30 pm	Clevedon	£3
Monday Oct 07	10:30 am	Nailsea	£3
Wednesday Oct 16	09:30 am	Wells	£4
Thursday Oct 17	11:00 am L	Chew Valley Lake, lunch at Castle of Comfort	£3
Monday Oct 21	02:00 pm	Nailsea	£3
Wednesday Oct 23	11:00 am L	Dobbies, Shepton Mallet	£4
Thursday Oct 24	01:30 pm	Bristol, Harbourside	£3
Wednesday Oct 30	01:30 pm	Weston-super-Mare	£3
Friday Nov 01	02:00 pm	Afternoon tea at Manor Farm, Bishop Sutton	£3
Monday Nov 04	10:30 am	Nailsea	£3
Thursday Nov 07	10:00 am *	Cribbs Causeway	£4
Saturday Nov 09	09:30 am	Frome market	£4
Wednesday Nov 13	09:30 am	Weston-super-Mare	£3
Monday Nov 18	02:00 pm	Nailsea	£3
Wednesday Nov 20	09:30 am	Wells	£4
Friday Nov 22	11:30 am L	Pub lunch, The Lamb at Weare	£3
Wednesday Nov 27	01:30 pm	Weston-super-Mare	£3
Thursday Nov 28	10.00 am	Rocky Mountain Nursery	£4

Note:

Morning trips return around Lunch Time, in time for the "School Run".

Afternoon trips return during the late afternoon. Lunchtime trips (L) are usually back in the village by 3pm

Those marked with an asterisk (*) depart in the morning and return to Wrington in the late afternoon.

Please be aware that destinations for the minibus are under review in the light of emerging regulations from the government. I understand that further details will be available in November

Weston super Mare If you would like to be dropped off at one of the town's retail parks, please mention when booking your seat or ask the driver on the day. Trips to Weston will only go once a month from 2020 due to lack of passengers, these will alternate between morning and afternoon.

Rocky Mountain Nursery This is on top of the Mendips not far from Shepton Mallet. There is a café and there are vegetables for sale.

All the above journeys should be booked [by calling 07895 418560](tel:07895418560). Please leave a message if there is no reply and the Diary Administrator will get back to you.

Journeys may have to be changed for various reasons so please check when booking your seat on the Minibus

Local Interest

Wrighton Community Minibus.....Continued

PRIVATE BOOKINGS

For any private events please ring Janet Walters on 861153 or email to walters.n@sky.com for information on what is required to book the minibus for a private function.

Please bear in mind that to use the minibus you will need to obtain a volunteer driver from the Minibus Society's list of approved drivers.

Cheddar Male Choir Annual Concert

Saturday 19th October starting at 7:30pm, doors open at 7pm.

To be held at St John the Baptist Cof E Church, Axbridge (just off the square). The choir's 24th annual concert will be a great celebration of songs from the musicals, pop charts, spirituals and some traditional male voice songs. We are also fortunate to have the renowned soloist **Richard Lennox** performing.



Tickets are £10 and available from Deane's of Cheddar, a choir member or on sale at the door on the night.

Certainly, this is a night not to be missed.

If you want any further information just email

contactcheddarmalechoir@gmail.com

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Local Interest

Happenings at Barley Wood.

Barley Wood continues to enjoy more social events from local organisations and clubs, especially the evening when Ben Franks from Novel Wines entertained those present with an exclusive, luxury gin tasting event. The occasion was most fitting blessed with a sunny sky and the superb view overlooking the Mendip Hills.



The Halloween Inspired Pumpkin Floristry evening with bespoke florist Kathryn Delve is on the 10th. If you wish to attend please contact Kathryn on Kathryn@kathryndelveflorist.com

The Meditation and Yoga retreat is on October 26th and 27th. For more information please contact Rachel on 07780663614.

Candle Light Concert will be held on the evening of Saturday 16th November at 7-00pm for 7-30pm This was an extremely successful concert last year and is expected to be even more successful this year. Tickets will be available from the end of October from Amours, The Treasury and Barley Wood. There will also be a facility to purchase on line, details in the November issue of the Journal. Included in the £12-50 ticket price will be a reception drink and canapés. Must advise there is no disabled access.

The Christmas Fayre is being held on Friday 29th of November between 5-9pm and Saturday 30th between 10-4pm. This is going to be a very festive event within the beautiful and historic Barley Wood House and Gardens with unique local craft and gift suppliers for Christmas shopping. Hot food and drinks will be available, free car parking and entry.

Bookings are now being taken for the **Christmas Wreath making workshop** on Monday 9th December. Normally this is fully booked so, advisable to contact Kathryn on kathryndelveflorist.com to reserve your place ASAP.

Sales and Events Manager, Holly Piper, is always happy to discuss any social events or gatherings which Barley Wood could accommodate, including bed and breakfast. For more information give Holly a call on 861215

Dates for your Diary

01-Oct	Burrington School Harvest Festival 9am See page 15
02-Oct	Wrington School Harvest Festival 8:50 am
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